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HISTORY OF THE CURTIS FAMILY

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This History of the Curtis Family is compiled by Fredrick Amasa Curtis for the benefit of my son, Linsley (Lynn) Warren Curtis, of Chicago, Illinois; my daughter, Mildred Irene (Curtis) Freeland; and those other relatives and descendants who may now or later desire to extend this record further back in England or forward to future connections here, and by this means knit the family closer together and afford means for the scattered branches to locate and get in contact with their kin, as well as to connect our family with the history of our country.

The record I published and distributed August 20, 1920, is correct except that part which followed the record published by Fredrick Haines Curtis of Boston (Rockwell & Churchill Press) 1903 naming the "seven Curtis brothers" located in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Those are not our seven Curtis brothers. The real seven of our branch are those which are included in this record (the sons of John Curtis, 1742) and are confirmed by other records which are herein recited.

Of these are: Harlow Dunham Curtis - of Manlius, New York; Box 92 - who has assisted me and who has compiled fifteen or more Curtis lineages, and whose records of all branches of the Curtis families are to be placed with the Syracuse Public Library for your future permanent reference. Also Stiles History of Wethersfield, Connecticut; Cothrens History of Woodbury; Miss Mary Dunn of Lena, Illinois; and a written record of my father, Amasa Curtis and word of mouth information given me by him and my mother, Mary Ann Curtis, who spent their last years with me, in Chicago,

I have placed copies of this Record and other Curtis family data in the Newberry Public Library, Chicago, for permanent reference. You can, at any time in the future, secure same there for reference along with Histories of the Garfield, Ballou, Adams, Slafter, Cleveland, Harrington, and all the early families and their counties and states. Also if you are distantly located, you can write to my Researcher here - Mrs. William W. McPherson, 6726 Honore St., Chicago - whom the Library ~~recommended~~ introduced to me and whom I found competent and willing to serve you at a reasonable rate.

I urge all who are connected by blood or marriage ties to the Curtis family to make full record of all marriages and births in their families and keep as bible records and furnish me with new up-to-date copies of same to correct and extend the present records and also to locate any existing bible or grave stone records with names, dates, and locations which may add to the information we have tabulated and issue later a completed version for your information.

CURTIS FAMILY RECORD

There were fifteen or more emigrants from England by the name of Curtis, and few of them known to be related, buththey may be, as very little research has been done in England on this name. Our direct line is clearly traced back to Thomas Curtis, born 1598 in England. Perhaps in Southwold old England records can be found to extend Thomas' ancestry.

Thomas Curtis appeared very early in Wethersfield, Connecticut as his first child was born there in 1639. (See Stiles History of Wethersfield.) Thomas Curtis is mentioned also in the town records of Southold, Long Island, which were kept by the Salmon family, and are of record.

Beginning with Thomas Curtis of Wethersfield, Connecticut our direct line is as follows:

I	Thomas Curtis	b. in England in 1598
II	Joseph Curtis	b. March 31, 1644; d. Dec. 31, 1683 in Connecticut
III	David Curtis	b. Nov. 29, 1688; d. 1768
IV	Allen Curtis	b. May 18, 1708; d. Sept., 1749
V	John Curtis	b. Nov. 30, 1742
VI	Amasa Curtis	b. 1744, Clarenceville, Canada
VII	William Moses Curtis	b. Jan. 12, 1795
VIII	Amasa Curtis	b. Aug. 20, 1822; d. May 21, 1910
IX	Fredrick Amasa Curtis	b. March 21, 1870 at Warren, Ill.
X	Linsley Warren Curtis	b. Feb. 26, 1901 at Chicago, Ill.

I have much additional information regarding descendants and connections of these older names that are not here extended beyond the heads of the families listed and have references that have many more, all of which may be had upon inquiry, but same are too voluminous to include here.

All people have a lively interest in knowing just where they came from and who they are connected with and those of us who are descended from the first settlers rightfully feel some special pride in those who built the structure of our country and those whose language and culture are the same as our mother country may have the same feeling as the Anthony Falconbridges in Jeffery Farnol's novel, "A Pageant of Victory", that some day it must be "America with England, for the World." Likewise we must agree with Pearl S. Buck in her "On Discovering America" in June 1937 issue of Survey Graphic magazine and a condensed version in the Readers Digest for July; that there will be no real Americans yet for several centuries and that the true American must yet come from the melting pot.

THOMAS CURTIS:

Born in England, 1598

Died November 13, 1681

Migrated to America

Settled at Wethersfield, Connecticut

Married Elizabeth Salmon

Stiles History quotes, "tradition says Thomas was a physician."

The town records of Southold, Long Island, contain record of Thomas Curtis as guardian of the children of William Salmon, his brother-in-law. These records were kept by the Salmon family for many years and show that hewwas brother-in-law of William Salmon.

This connects him with Southold, Long Island, as one of the witnesses to the document petitioningfor a change of guardianship for William Salmon's orphaned children was Richard Curtis of Southold and formerly of Salem, Massachusetts. Perhaps in Southwold, Old England, can be found records that would show Richard as related to Thomas and perhaps to Zaccheus and William Curtis, both of Salem, Massachusetts.

Here is possible opening to connect relatives and antededents with Thomas.

Stiles History of Wethersfield, page 157 and 161, says that a petition to the General Court regarding the minister, Reverend John Russell "was signed by ten of the church members and thirty-eight other members of the Society of the best standing in the community." Of these thiry-eight, Thomas Curtis' Name heads the list.

In 1650 Thomas Curtis was granted a building lot in Wethersfield as appears in Vol. I of Land Records.

I THOMAS CURTIS, BORN 1598

Thomas Curtis' children were:

1. Sargent John Curtis - born January 1, 1639 at Westerfield, Conn. Sargent in local militia.

2. James Curtis - born September 15, 1651; married Abigail _____, July 8, 1686.

3. Samuel Curtis - born April 1, 1645.

4.II JOSEPH CURTIS - born March 31, 1644; died December 31, 1683; married Mercy ____, February 8, 1673.

5. Isaac Curtis - born 1647; moved to Woodbury.

6. Elizabeth Curtis - married John Stoddard, Jr., May 26, 1674.

7. Ruth Curtis - married Eleazer Kimberly.

Our line goes from THOMAS CURTIS born 1598 to II JOSEPH CURTIS born 1644.

II JOSEPH CURTIS, BORN MARCH 31, 1644

Joseph Curtis' children were:

1. Meribah Curtis - born March 10, 1674; died January 15, 1683 or 4.

2. Joseph Curtis - born March 10, 1675.

3. Mary Curtis - born September 2, 1677.

4 III DAVID CURTIS - born November 29, 1682. David and Thomas married sisters. David married Abigail Goodrich, April 5, 1706, and resided in Farmington, Connecticut. He died at Farmington, 1786. Abigail was daughter of John and Rebecca (Allen) Goodrich. Cothrens History records same and states he settled in the Judea Society about 1736.

5. Sarah Curtis - born September 20, 1679.

6. Capt. Thomas Curtis - born November 24, 1680; married Mary Goodrich of Westerfield, on December 30, 1708, and settled in Farmington, Connecticut.

Our line comes through III DAVID CURTIS, born 1682 to IV ALLEN (ALLYN) CURTIS, born 1702.

III DAVID CURTIS, BORN NOVEMBER 29, 1682

David Curtis' children were:

1 IV ALLEN or (ALLYN) CURTIS - born May 18, 1702; married Ruth _____. They went to Amenia, New York, where her grave is the oldest in Coleman's Station Cemetery. Their children were born in Torrington, Connecticut. Allen was named after his mother's family (Allen). Allen was one of the twelve original members of the Judea Society, made up partly of Woodbury and partly of Roxbury. Washington, Connecticut, was formed from the Judea Society and the New Preston Society and from Kent, Litchfield and New Milford.

2. Joseph Curtis - born March 2, 1706 or 7.

3. Anna Curtis - born July 18, 1710.

4. Abigail Curtis - born April 18, 1714.

5. David Curtis - born 1716. This date found in bible of son, Hull Curtis on file in Daughters offAmerican Revolution in Washington D. C. and says, "my father, David, died August 15, 1776, at Washington, Corn County, Litchfield; my mother, Abigail, died at the age of seventy-seven. Their children were:
   a. Huldah Curtis
   b. Eleazurb Curtis
   c. Achusa Curtis
   d. Abigail Curtis
   e. David Curtis
   f. Ashbel Curtis
   g. Joshua Curtis
   h. Sarah Curtis
   i. Joanna Curtis
   j. Caleb Curtis
   k. Hull Curtis

6. Eunice Curtis

7. Sarah Curtis

Our line comes through IV ALLEN CURTIS, born 1702 to V JOHN CURTIS, born 1742.

IV ALLEN (ALLYN) CURTIS, BORN MAY 18, 1702

Allen Curtis' childrnn were:

1. Martin Curtis - born March 14, 1725 at Torrington, Connecticut.

2. Solomon Curtis - born 1729 at Torrington, Connecticut

3. Elihor Curtis - born November 12, 1732 at Torrington, died 1794; married Jerusha Wheeler, 1765 at Flatbrook, near Canan, New York. Their children were:
   a. Daniel Curtis
   b. Samuel Curtis
   c. Stephen Curtis
   d. Guilbert Curtis

4 V JOHN CURTIS - born November 30, 1742; came to Great Barrington, Massachusetts from Amenia, New York. Served in Revolutionary War with American militia at Mt. Independence with son Solomon, in Capt. Abel Pettibone's company, 4th Conn. Reg. and taken with yellow fever at White Plains, (per documentary evidence produced by Charles E. Wooddell, a descendant, of Niagra Falls, New York.) It is contended by Harlow Curtis that he later went to Canada and joined the British, but both show he did serve with American forces.

5. Seth Curtis

6. Chloe Curtis - born July 31, 1738 at Wethersfield, Connecticut.

7. Ruth Curtis

8. Medad Curtis - born May 18, 1740 at Wethersfield, Connecticut; married Dinah Tracy, December 23, 1779. Medad was a Shaker and gave up married life to conform to their tenents. See book entitled "Sound of the Lonesome Drum" by Carl Camer with account of Medad's rescue of the Shaker leader, "Mother" Ann Lee.

9. Ebenezer Curtis - born November, 1741; died March, 1742.

10. Elisha Curtis

11. Anna Curtis - born March 24, 1748; Wethersfield.

Our line comes through V JOHN CURTIS, born November 30, 1742 to VI AMASA CURTIS? born November 15, 1767.

V JOHN CURTIS, BORN NOVEMBER 30, 1742

John Curtis' children were the "Seven Curtis Brothers" viz:

1. Solomon Curtis - born January 15, 1764; died 1826 at Clarenceville, Canada; married Hannah Taylor; resided in W. Stockbridge, and Milford, Massachusetts. Enlisted several times in Revolutionary War: in Capt. Enoch Noble's Co., Col. Ezra Wood's Regiment, Capt. Roswell Downing's Co., Col. Powell's Regiment, Capt. Adam Kasson's Co., Col. Israel Chapin's Regiment; then in Canan, New York, in Capt. Pierce's Co., Fourth New York Regiment. (Data at Washington with record of children's application for pension, granted March 4, 1831.) He was one of the guard at West Point at Major Andre's execution and later was made Justice of Peace at Caldwell Manor, Canada.

2. Ashel Curtis - born September 23, 1765; died May 15, 1852; served in Revolutionary War in 1781; buried in Sanquoit Valley Cemetery with his descendants in lot endowed by grandson, Philo Stanton Curtis. Married Polly Osborne, who died June 10, 1842 and was buried in Sargent Valley Cemetery south of Utica, New York. A bible of Charles O. Curtis gives full record of Ashel's vital dates and fulllrecord of his descendants which I have. This descendant, Charles O. Curtis, was married three times and had seven children by the first wife, one by the second wife, and nine by the third wife.

3. John Curtis - born March 29, 1770; died January 29, 1858, buried at Oswego Co., New York; married Mille (Emily) ____ about 1793, near Granville, Washington County; resided at Pompey, Onondaga County. Their children were:

    a. Deborah Curtis
    b. Samantha Curtis
    c. Betsy Curtis
    d. John Curtis
    e. Emily Curtis
    f. Phebe Curtis
    g. Amasa Sauyer Curtis
    h. Electa Ross Curtis
    i. Polly Maria Curtis
    j. Mary Philura Curtis
    k. Cordelia Mahala Curtis

    I have record of the children of these.

4 VI AMASA CURTIS - born November 15, 1767; farmer; died at Clarenceville, Canada; married Hanna Wilcox. She was buried in Summit Township Cemetery between Waterford and Erie, Pennsylvania; died June 16, 1862, age 88.

5. Darius Curtis - born June 22; 1772; died June 11, 1862 probably in Clarenceville. A descendant of Darius (Mrs. H. V. Wallace of Hermon, St. Lawrence Co., New York) joined the D.A.R. on the Revolutionary War record of John Curtis (1742) "who served in 1775-6 in Capt. Pettibone's Company, New York, Militia."

6. Flavius Curtis - born July 17, 1774.

7. Lebbeus Curtis - born February 23, 1777; died at Canton, St. Lawrence Co. A tanner and shoemaker.

Our line comes through VI ALASA CURTIS, born 1767 to VII WILLIAM MOSES CURTIS, born January 12, 1795.

VI AMASA CURTIS, BORN NOVEMBER 15, 1767

Amasa Curtis' children were:

1. Lavica Curtis

2. Nancy Curtis

3. WILLIAM MOSES CURTIS * born January 12, 1795; married February 20, 1816 at West Alburgh, Vermont, to Sylvia Harrington who was born on October 17, 1796 at Bennington, Vermont. She died at Lena, Illinois, February 11, 1863 and was buried in the Curtis family lot there. Sylvia was the daughter of Samson Harrington (also spelled Herendeen). Samson Herendeen was the son of Thomas Herendeen (Harrington). Samson married Mary Harrington Ballou (Danby History, page 157) of Rhode Island on August 12, 1784 at Danby, Vermont (Vol. 2, page 366, Land Records at Montpelier, Vermont). They removed to Canada where descendants live. This Mary Harrington Ballou was sister of Hosea Ballou, a noted writer and preacher. President James A. Garfield's father was the immediate connection with the Harrington-Ballou's that connects our line with that of President Garfield.

   The Ballou Family Record and Hemingways Gazetteer show the Ballous on page 77, Vol. II and page 592 Vol. III, Cumberland, Rhode Island:

Gilvira - Amariah - Nathaniel - James - Malurin
Mary
Hosea — 2nd cousin — Elizabeth - James
1st cousin — James
brother — James - James - Malurin

   Hence Sylvia is third cousin of the President, Garfield.

4. Hannah Curtis - married Daniel Colton; their children were:
   a. Henry Colton
   b. Hiram Colton
   c. Edwa Colton

   all at Clarenceville, Canada.

5. Lucy Curtis

Our line continues through VII WILLIAM MOSES CURTIS to VIII AMASA CURTIS, born August 20, 1822.

VII WILLIAM MOSES CURTIS, BORN, 1795

William Moses Curtis' children were:

1. Lucy Curtis - born January 13, 1818 at Caldwell Manor, Canada; died at Lena, Illinois; married William Abel Ford, who was born October 6, 1818; she died at Warren, Illinois, March 11, 1893. William was the son of Squire Abel Ford of Champaign Village, New York. Their children were:
   a. Emma Ford - married James Dunn.
   b. Alma Ford
   c. Louise Ford - married ____ Rose.

2. William Uriah Curtis - born about 1837; married Jane Farbeck; resided at Lena, Illinois. After serving in Civil War, they went to Iowa, near Eldora. Their children were:
   a. Alta Curtis - married _____ Todd.
   b. Frances Alvaretta Curtis - born December 7, 1854 at Kent, Stephenson Co., Illinois; died August 8, 1914 at Berlin, Iowa. She married Isaac Eick, born November 7, 1854 in New Jersey, died July 8, 1927, Berlin, Iowa. Their children were:
      A. Harry Leroy Eick— born January 20, 1878 at Hardin Co., Iowa; died December 24, 1918 at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He married Anna Smyth who now resides in Idaho with son: Robert Leroy Eick
      B. Zella Eick
      C. William Earl Eick - born May 31, 1880 in Hardin Co., Iowa; married Minnie Crippen, born April 28, 1882 at Peterson, Clay Co., Iowa.

3 VIII AMASA CURTIS - born August 20, 1822 at Caldwell Manor, Siegniory, Foncault, Canada; died May 21, 1910 at Chicago, buried at Lena, Illinois in his family lot in cemetery he helped lay out and enclose. Married on March 31, 1847 at Georgia, Vermont, by Elder Alvin Sabin to Mary Ann Jones who was born May 12, 1826 at Georgia, Vermont; died February 6, 1919, at Chicago; buried at Lena, Illinois.

Amasa and Mary Ann Curtis left Vermont on their wedding trip going by boat down the St. Lawrence River, the Great Lakes, and Erie Canal to Chicago, thence by Frink and Walker Stage Coach to Lena, Illinois, stopping at Blackhawk's grave where, "the Indians

brought presents, and the white folks took them away."

At Lena they joined their relatives, for both Mary Ann's folks - the Goddards, with her mother, Polly (Goddard Jones) and Benjamin Goddard, who kept the Inn - and the elder Curtis people - Amasa's brother, William Uriah Curtis and his sister, Lucy - as well as the Dunns and Fords, were in this early Illinois settlement. Here the young couple built their log home and began their part in building the new Illinois community.

Amasa was an adept at farming and experienced in working wood and iron and was of an inventive mind. He became associated with John P. Manny, of Rockford, Illinois, one of the earliest producers of farm machinery. The Manny reaper was perhaps the first one produced in the State, and Amasa told me he gave Manny the ideas and patterns, and that the bonus he received from John P. was a cow.

At Lena he manufactured wheel-barrows and turned-wood products such as wagon neck-yokes, singletrees, etc. Some of these he sold to A. A. Cooper, who ran a wagon shop at Dubuque, Iowa, stopping his dray en route at Galena at the saddlery and hardware supply store of Grant and Perkins (Gen. U. S. Grant) to deliver that part he had sold to them.

He later invented a fanning mill that successfully separated even the mustard seed from the wheat.

The couple moved to Warren, Illinois, returned to Lena, and later went to Freeport, Illinois. Here they were present at the Lincoln-Douglas debate. They went to Elgin, Illinois, then to Chicago, where they celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary.

Amasa was a Civil War veteran and member of the J. A. Davis Post G. A. R.

At my request Amasa (my father) wrote a short record of his family, from which I quote, "my grandparents migrated about 1780 from Connecticut to Caldwell Manor, Canada, which was then a timbered wilderness. With them went Darius, Solomon, and Ashel." But John Curtis did <u>not</u> accompany his brothers to Canada.

VIII AMASA CURTIS, BORN 1822

Amasa Curtis' children were:

1. Ellen-Mariah Curtis - died at two years; buried at Lena, Illinois.

2. Herbert-Jones Curtis - born 1851; died July 25, 1889, Chicago, grave at Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois. Married Lenora-Jane Fairchild, Lostant, Illinois. Their children were:
   A. Rolland-Eugene Curtis - born June 8, 1879 married Evaline Laura Laurence: November 27, 1907. Their children were:
      a. Grace Doris Curtis - b. Sept. 17, 1908
      b. Thomas Eugene Curtis - b. Aug. 10, 1910
      c. Irwin Alvin Curtis - b. Sept. 20, 1912
      d. Arthur Langdon Curtis - b. Feb. 31, 1914
      e. David Herbert Curtis - b. Oct. 8, 1916
   B. Hazel Lenora Curtis - born October 18, 1886; married Arthur Kingsley Trenholme; August 23, 1905. (He has record of the Trenholme line back to "Doomsday Book" to Yorkshire.) Their children were:
      a. Arthur Kingsley Trenholme - born August 3, 1906.
      b. Edward Curtis Trenholme - born October 3, 1908.
      c. Norman Trenholme - born May 27, 1911.
      d. Nora Electa Trenholme - born March 17, 1920.

3. Florence Ellen Curtis - born September 13, 1855; married Newton Linsley. Their child is:
   Earl Theodore Linsley - born August 3, 1876; married Alice Turneaure. Their child is:
   Earl Curtis Linsley - married _____; Their three children are:
   (1) Diann Linsley
   (2) Billy Linsley
   (3) and baby

4. Edgar Eugene Curtis - died at one year; buried at Lena, Illinois.

5. Effie Curtis - born October 20, 1859; died _____; married H. Theodore Fairchild, Magnolia, Illinois, a widower with four children: Elmer, Lillie, Sylvia, and Edna. Children of H. Theodore and Effie (Curtis) Fairchild, all at Elgin, Illinois:
   A. Mattie Fairchild - married Henry Mooney. Their daughter, Mary Mooney, married William Muntz and had Earl Muntz.

B. Joseph Fairchild - married Minnie Hintz, who had:
    Leonard Fairchild
C. Byron Fairchild - married Anna Dierkin, who had:
    Russell Fairchild
D. Herbert Fairchild -- born July 29, 1890; married Christine Burke, November 12, 1919, who had:
    Virginia Ruth Fairchild
E. Fred Curtis Fairchild - born November 18, 1894; married Minnie Develka, February 1919, who had:
    Vivian Pearl Fairchild.
F. Clifford L. Fairchild - married Wilda Smith, who had:
    a. Elaine Fairchild - 5 years old.
    b. Richard Fairchild - 7 years old.

Effie Curtis' second marriage was to Alva B. Hall, a widower.

6. Arthur Burney Curtis - born October 13, 1861, at Lena, Illinois; married Laura Spencer of Magnolia, Illinois. Their children were:
    A. Edward Amasa Curtis - married Marie Kuhl; had one child which died in infancy; then married Elizabeth Schultz; a widow with one child, Ethel Schultz.
    B. Florence Curtis - born March 21, 1887.
    C. Elizabeth Curtis - married Max Trauring; their children were:
        a. Maxine Trauring
        b. Jay Bernard Trauring
        c. Mary Laura Trauring
    D. Fannie Lavinia Curtis - married Clifton Cross; their children were:
        a. Curtis Cross
        b. Kenneth Cross
        c. Phyllis Cross
        d. Barbara Cross
    E. Clarence Richard Curtis - married Ellen Cochran. Served in navy in World War.
    F. Fred Spencer Curtis - married Helen Mous; had
        Ester Loranie Curtis
    G. Leslie Roland Curtis - born August 3, 1903; married Magdalen Mary Wehrle, born July 12, 1903, on October 19, 1925.

7. Homer Otis Curtis - born December 12, 1865; married Luella Witte.

8. Fredrick Amasa Curtis - born March 21, 1850 at Warren, Illinois; married Irene (Rena) Green, born September 28, 1873 at Charlotte, Michigan. (It is in this marriage that the Curtis line joins that of the Green-Smith-Slafter branch.)

Memorandum of Vocation and Residences of Fredrick Amasa Curtis,
Born March 21, 1870

Born at Warren, Illinois, moved to Lena, Illinois. Primary school grades there; moved to Freeport and passed through the grammar and high school there. President of boys branch of the Y.M.C.A. and through Secy. W. W. Smith of the Y.M.C.A. secured position with Henney Buggy Company. Through recommendation from them to Kelley-Maus and Company, Chicago, (their supply house) secured position and remained there as office boy, filing clerk, order clerk, billing clerk, claim clerk, assistant manager of wood and lumber department, and traveling salesman, manager of lumber department and Director in the company.

Joined with J. Sherman Houston (of Houston Brothers, Chicago, Memphis, Vicksburg) in the firm of Houston and Curtis. Headquarters, Marquette Building, Chicago, yard at Cairo and mill at Elgin, Arkansas, operating the steamer, Current View, Captain Riddell, with barges on the White and Black River, bringing some of the first southern hardwoods in wagon material form to the Northern markets.

With J. S. Houston formed the Memphis Rim and Bow Company (at plant formerly Connable Veneer & Lumber Company) and manufactured Bentwood material for horse drawn vehicles.

Formed the Union Bow Company made up of:
Memphis Rim and Bow Company, Memphis, Tennessee
Luetkemeyer and Company, Cleveland, Ohio
L. Rastetter and Son, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Ames Bending Company, Celina, Ohio
Metropolis Bending Company, Metropolis, Illinois
Sold to Union Bending Company and formed the Vehicle Woodstock Company, Chicago, made up of thirty-five plants (manufacturing vehicle wood material) in the states and twelve plants in Canada; operated the parent company at Chicago, in Fisher Bldg.

When this company liquidated and the horse drawn vehicle trade faded away and was superceded by automobile, formed the Forest Products Company, and with son, Linsley Warren Curtis, operated in production and distribution of hardwood dimension stock to furniture, implement, and similar trades which is still in operation. Member of:
Western Avenue Baptist Church (Dr. Perrin)
Austin Christian Church (Rev. Geo. A. Campbell)
Wilmette Baptist Church (Dr. Geo. D. Allison)
Oak Park Baptist Church (Rev. Oliver Urbin Chapman)

Elected Ward Committeeman of 33rd Ward in Chicago (Austin) of Progressive Republican Party.

Resided at:
Lake Street and Fairfield Ave., Chicago
Park Ave. (now Maypole St.) near California Ave.

Congress Street near Sacramento Avenue
Sawyer Avenue and Millard Avenue
Waller Avenue near Madison in Austin, and
in Austin at other locations, then
Oak Park, where now located.

Present address: 617 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois.

Member of Oaks Club in Austin.

Summer residence at Antioch, Illinois, on Channel Lake.

The children of Fred A. and Irene (Rena) Curtis were:

A. Mildred Irene Curtis - born February 5, Chicago; married Ernest Charles Freeland, born at Geneva, Illinois. Their children are:
   (1) Curtis Charles Freeland - born May 16, 1918.
   (2) Janet Irene Freeland - born May 12, 1921
B. Linsley (Lynn) Warren Curtis - born February 26, 1901, in Chicago (Austin), at 416 S. Waller Ave.

THE JONES-GODDARD-JEWEL LINE

Mary Ann Jones (Curtis) forbears and connections were as follows:

A

Mary Ann Jones' mother was Polly Goddard, buried at Lena, Illinois: Polly married first Horace Taylor, who died, then Evans Jones, who was born in Liverpool, England, and who was a sailor. He died in a sailors home, leaving some property which was later secured by his son. Evans Jones' father lived and died in Liverpool, England.

B

Polly Goddard's mother was Elizabeth Shaw, buried at Lena, Illinois; her maiden name was Stiles. She married John Goddard, after whose death she married a Shaw.

C

Polly Goddard's children by Evans Jones were:

1. Horatia Jones, who married Harriet Frisbie. Their children:
   a. Horatio Jones
   b. Alfred D. Jones. The children of Alfred Jones were:
      (1) Albert Jones
      (2) Clara Jones
   c. Alice Jones, married Walter Wasson, whose children were:
      (1) Walter Wasson
      (2) Roy Wasson
      (3) Harry Wasson
   d. Cora Jones
   e. Etta Jones - married a Metkirk
   f. a boy who died in infancy
2. Mary Ann Jones

D

Polly Goddard's children by Horace Taylor were:

1. Giles Taylor. Giles Taylor's children were:
   a. Louisa Taylor. Louisa married William Hayward, whose children were:
      (1) Tillie (Matilda?) Hayward married ____ Jennings, whose children were two, a boy and a girl, who live at Batavia, Illinois.
      (2) Nellie Hayward
      (3) Hattie Hayward
      (4) Charles Hayward
   b. Andrew Taylor was a bachelor
   c. George Taylor, second married, no children.
   d. Mary Taylor, married a Seebuc; three children.
   e. Lucy Taylor, married; one daughter who died.
2. Nathaniel Taylor - twice married.
3. George Taylor, (first) not married, died in Alabama
4. Huldah Taylor - married a Burdick, after whose death she

married Seth Dudley. Burdick's children were:
a. Horace Burdick, married twice; one daughter.
b. Julius Burdick, a bachelor.
c. Orson Burdick, married, no children.
d. George Burdick, died in Civil War.

5. Eliza Taylor, not married.

E

Polly Goddard's father was John Goddard. His children other than Polly were:

1. Benjamin Goddard, whose children were:
   a. Alpheus Goddard, whose children were:
      (1) Allie Goddard
      (2) Frankie Goddard
      (3) one other girl
   b. Nell Goddard married ____ Frisbie. No children.
   c. Byron Goddard - no children.
   d. Benjamin Goddard, whose children were:
      (1) Mell Goddard
      (2) Frank Goddard
      (3) Fred Goddard
2. Alpheus Goddard, whose children were:
   a. Major William Goddard (killed at Shiloh) His children:
      (1) James Goddard
      (2) Albert Goddard
      (3) Ellis Goddard
      (4) Wilbur Goddard
      (5) Mattie Goddard
      (6) Elizabeth Goddard
      (7) Mary Goddard
   b. Alfred Goddard - died at Iowa.
   c. Lucy Goddard married _____ Fowler.
   d. Cynthia Goddard married ____ Hall
3. Caleb Goddard married Avis Hinckley, their children were:
   a. James Goddard lives at Winnebago, Ill. His children:
      (1) Clara Goddard - married a Hill
      (2) Warren Goddard
   b. Newell Goddard married Lucretia Hotchkiss.
   c. Warren Goddard died in the Civil War. His children:
      (1) Fred Goddard
      (2) Ellis Goddard
4. John Goddard's children were
   a. Fayette Goddard died in Cedarville, Ill. His child was Dr. Charles Goddard, of Harvard, Illinois.
   b. Charlotte Goddard married ____ Stiles.
   c. Julia Mariah Goddard married ____ Whitney.
   d. Lucy Goddard married ____ Chambers, whose children are:
      (1) John Chambers
      (2) Ellen Chambers
   e. Sarah Goddard married ___ Hall, of Sugar Grove, Wisconsin.
   f. several others
5. Betsy Goddard married Hollis Jewell. Their children were:
   a. William Jewell - no children.
   b. John Jewell - one child.
   c. Hollis Jewell - children died in infancy.

d. Jacob Jewell - had seven sons.
e. Davis Jewell (Dr.) - children were:
   (1) Abbie Jewell, Pine River, Wisconsin.
   (2) Eva Jewell (Porter), Berlin, Wisconsin. Child was:
       Clyde Porter
f. Parthenia Jewell - had one son
g. Theodia Jewell - married ____ Lewis, whose children were:
   (1) Ida Lewis
   (2) one son

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Correction of line of VIII AMASA CURTIS, BORN 1822: under 3. Florence Ellen Curtis, Earl Curtis Linsley (grandson of Florence) born at Chicago, Illinois on April 3, 1903, married at Ft. Dodge, Iowa, on June 25, 1925, Helen Elizabeth Haugen, born at Ft. Dodge, Iowa, July 23, 1903. Children:
   (1) Diane Helen - born Madison, Wisconsin on January 11, 1929.
   (2) Richard Clayton - born Madison, Wisconsin on April 30, 1930.
   (3) Lois Anne - born Madison, Wisconsin, July 10, 1936.
   (4) a baby - born June ? , 1938

FREELAND-CLEVELAND BRANCH

A. Rosalia Amelia Bentley - born March 29, 1845, at Racine, Wisconsin; died at Yakima, Washington, April 9, 1912; married Gilbert M. Cleveland, cousin of President Grover Cleveland, on December 27, 1865 at Lafox, Kane Co., Illinois (Cleveland Genealogy, p. 1539, Vol. II; also D.A.R. magazine April 1924, p. 227) Their child was:

Ernest Clyde Cleveland - born August 2, 1869 near Lafox, Illinois; married Anna J. Holdridge, born at Bradford, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1870, died at Oak Park, Illinois, June 19, 1926; resided at Kensington, Maryland. Children were:

1. Fidelia Cleveland - born January 22, 1910, Wheaton, Illinois; married John R. Mendl, born 1902 in Chicago, Illinois. They reside at 1949 S. Drake Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
2. Cyrus H. Cleveland - born August 7, 1897 at Grand Rapids, Michigan; married Mrs. Sallie Conley, born February 25, 1890, near Hindman, Kentucky. Residence at Elkton, Virginia.
3. Jeanette R. Cleveland - born October 25, 1902 at Wheaton, Illinois; missionary; resides in West China at Chungkingsien, Szechwan, China Inland Mission.

B. Louise Bentley

C. Ellen (Nellie) Janette Bentley - born November 8, 1856; married Charles Freeland. Their children were:

a. Lillian Freeland, born March 24, 1881; married Fred Palmer Toombs (residence, Cleveland, Ohio) whose uncle is described as "The stormy petrel of the South" in the story "Gone with the Wind." Child was:

Robert Toombs

Nettie and Harriett are twins

b. Nettie Freeland, born April 16, 1882; married Loren J. Mink, Elgin, Illinois. Their children are:

1. Margery Mink
2. Loren J. Mink, Jr.

c. Harriett Freeland, born April 16, 1882; married Virgil W. Moore, residence, Kirklin, Indiana; their children:

1. Miriam Moore
2. James Moore
3. Elinor Moore
4. Jean Moore

d. Florence Irene Freeland, born September 19, 1888; married Nicholas Martin, residence, Birmingham, Michigan (suburb of Detroit). Their children are:

1. Barbara Martin
2. Nicholas Martin, Jr.

Earl and Ernest are twins

e. Earl Clyde Freeland, born January 17, 1891; married Gertrude ____. They have one child, a boy.

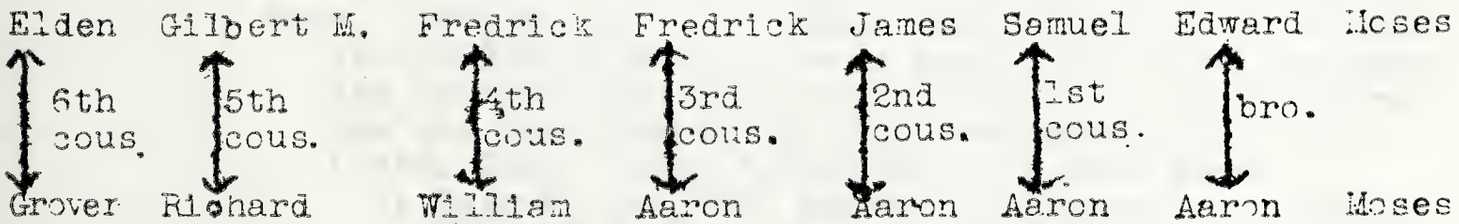
f. Ernest Charles Freeland, born January 17, 1891; married Mildred Irene Curtis at Austin (Chicago), Illinois. Their children are:

1. Curtis Charles Freeland
2. Janet Irene Freeland

This marriage joins the Curtis-Freeland-Cleveland line. See Curtis line for further dates.

References:
Cleveland Family History, Newberry Library, Chicago
D. A. R. magazine, April 1924, page 227

Page 1539 - No. 5908 shows the Cleveland family viz:



RECORD OF LINE OF THE GREEN-SMITH-SLAFTER FAMILY

A book entitled "Memorial of John Slafter" published 1869 by Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, 11 Beacon St., Boston, Massachusetts, (copy in possession of George B. Smith, Chicago; c/o Commonwealth Edison Co.) shows the record of the union of the Green connection on p. 82 with the birth of Dorlesca-Jane Smith, born August 30, 1851. Her marriage to Theron Thomas Green brings together the records of the Slafter-Smith-Green-Curtis line. The direct line is viz:

John Slafter, emigrant from Great Britian (probably Wales) about 1680. John Slafter (sometimes recorded as Slaughter and Slater) settled at Lynn, Massachusetts, and had a family of ten or more children several of which were married at Lynn. He moved to Connecticut in 1716 and bought land on the Willimantic River at Mansfield. Father of:

Joseph Slafter - born perhaps in 1721; died August 13, 1775; married Hannah Covel; he was admitted freeman at Newport, Rhode Island, April 3, 1745. This is the only clue to his age. Father of:

Scituate, Rhode Island

Silas Slafter - born November 26, 1754; died August or September 1825; married 1773, Buelah, daughter of Adijah Adams of Killingly; married second Sarah, daughter of Stephen Coomer, widow of ___ Whitney. His will was signed August 2, 1825, and was offered for probate, September 19, 1825. He was a Justice of Peace and exercised a great influence among his neighbors. Had clear views of many subjects, and facility in expressing them. Father of:

Foster, Rhode Island

Hannah Slafter - born February 29, 1775; died October 21, 1857, married Joseph Smith, son of Elijah Smith of Killingly, Ct., January 5, 1794 in Foster, Rhode Island; removed to Semooronius, New York in 1805 and afterward to Ohio. Mother of:

North Fairfield, Huron Co., Ohio

Walter Branch Smith - born August 1, 1817, in Semperonius, New York; married October 31, 1841, to Cynthia Coborn; she was born August 17, 1825; residence North Fairfield, Ohio, where their children were born:

1. Dorr-Walter, born March 2, 1843; married December 12, 1865 to Madessa-Catherine Jennings; she was born at North Fairfield, Ohio, February 18, 1846; had Lola-Ina, born November 26, 1867.

North Fairfield, Ohio

2. Dwight-Kellog, born April 11, 1846. In war of rebellion, he served in Comp. B, 25th Ohio Vols., by enlistment, from February 22, 1864 till discharged, June 18, 1866, two years and four months.

North Fairfield, Ohio

3. Dolphene Augusta, born July 23, 1848; married September 24, 1868, Henry-William Butler; he was born in Fitchville, Ohio, July 26, 1846.

North Fairfield, Ohio

4. Dorlesca-Jane, born August 30, 1851, at North Fairfield; married Theron Thomas Green, born July 19, 1847; died January 9, 1912, Coloma, Michigan. Children:

a. Irene (Rena) Green - born September 29, 1873, Charlotte, Michigan; married Fred A. Curtis, born March 21, 1870. Their children were:

A. Mildred Irene Curtis

B. Linsley (Lynn) Warren Curtis
(See record of Curtis Line)

b. Frank Walter Green - born November 10, 1875, Charlotte, Michigan; married Nellie P. Phillips. Their children were:
A. Charles Kenneth Green, born April 5, 1901; married Margaret Sheridan. Their child. Kenneth Edward, Jr. b. Sept. 22, 192 . then married Doris Kater, Sept. 28, 1928.
B. Theron Walter Green - born November 30, 1907; married September 2, 1933, Saragrace (Sally) Royce, born November 1, 1910.

c. Mable Cynthia Green - born June 17, 1881, Charlotte, Michigan; married Waldo W. Merriman, who has compiled complete record of the Merriman family. Their children are:
A. Mae Louise Merriman, born April 10, 1910.
B. Robert Earl Merriman, born November 5, 1916.

d. George Grover Green - born June 16, 1887 at Norwalk; first married Ethel Beyers, then Elsie Helena Amanda Schur, (who was born August 4, 1897) at Columbus, Wisconsin, on August 23, 1925. Their son was:
Thomas Theron Green, born November 13, 1927

e. Hazel May Green - born December 30, 1889, Norwalk.

5. Hannah-Althalia (Carrie), born March 9, 1854; married November 21, 1887, Edward H. Hughes who died August 16, 1894 at Apalachacola, Florida. Their children:
a. Walter Richard Hughes, born April 9, 1899, at Chicago; married December 15, 1917 at East Cleveland, Ohio, to Norma Kreisel, born February 23, 1895, Cleveland. Their child was:
Susan Norma Hughes, born November 12, 1918, at Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

b. Cynthia Kattie Hughes, born October 11, 1891, Chicago; married Robert Peck Beeman, born November 28, 1888, Norwalk, Ohio. Their children:
A. Robert Hughes Beeman, born November 3, 1920, at Norwalk, Ohio.
B. Mary Jane (Sally) Beeman, born August 6, 1922, at Norwalk, Ohio.

She later married David B. Sumerlin, died October 20, 1927, Olena, Ohio.

6. Day-Orin, born September 3, 1858; died December 9, 1865
7. Douglas, born January 27, 1851; died October 10, 1865
8. George Brinton, born April 26, 1869; married September 5, 1893 to Josephine Johanna Madden, born May 4, 1869, Essex Co., New York.

The connection with President John Quincy Adams and Abigail Adams is made through the Adams and Slafter records, now being reviewed which confirms the tradition of our relation to them.

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T. D. Green's children were:

A. Theron Thomas Green -- married Dorlesca-Jane Smith. Children:
   1. Irene (Rena) Curtis - married Fred A. Curtis. Children:
      a. Mildred Irene Curtis - married Ernest Charles Freeland. Their children are:
         (1) Curtis Charles Freeland
         (2) Janet Irene Freeland
      b. Linsley (Lynn) Warren Curtis
   2. Frank W. Green - married Nellie Phillips
   3. Mable Green - married Waldo W. Merriman. Their children:
      a. Mae Louise Merriman
      b. Robert Earl Merriman
   4. George Grover Green - married Elsie Schur. Their child: Thomas Green
   5. Hazel M. Green

B. Jane Green - married Cap. Dunham; resided at Gobelsville, Michigan. Their children were:
   1. Matie Dunham - married a Randall at Gobelsville. Children:
      a. Carson Randall
      b. one other boy
   2. Emma Dunham - married Edward Matthews at Kalamazoo, Michigan. Their children were:
      a. Ora Matthews - married Thomas Murphy; resides at Phoenix, Arizona.
      b. Ola Matthews - died ____.
      c. Edward Matthews - died ____
      d. one other son who died.
   3. Rose Dunham - married Archie Snell at Gobelsville. Their children were:
      a. Verle Snell
      b. Breta Snell
      c. Neil Snell
      d. Beuhlah Snell
      e. Shirley Snell
   4. Hattie Dunham - married John Haven. Their child was: Saloma Haven
   5. Kate Dunham - married a Johnson and resides in Canada.

C. Frank Green

D. Percie P. Green - married Edward Caldwell, then Steven Simmons at Gobelsville; had two children, one by each.

E. one girl - drowned.

F. Walter C. Green - married Mattie Phelps at Charlotte, Michigan. Their children were:
   1. Edith Green - married William Schrader, Charlotte, Michigan. Their children were:
      a. Bernard Schrader - married at Lansing.
      b. Maxine Schrader - born at Charlotte, Michigan.
   2. Nina Green - married a Schroeder at Charlotte. Children:
      a. Walter Schroeder
      b. Richard Schroeder
      c. Cecelia Schroeder
   3. Lela Green - married Gerald Dolson at Charlotte. Children:
      a. Donn Dolson
      b. David Dolson

G. Marietta Green - married Charles Demary. Their children were:
1. Percie Demary - married Herbert Holden at Dallas, Texas. Their children were:
   a. Leah Holden
   b. Earl Holden
   c. Harold Holden
2. T. D. Demary - married twice, Ella and Della at Chicago and Kalamazoo. Had one child.
3. Thee Demary - married Maud Baker at Chicago. Child was: Lynne Demary
4. Cleon Demary - married Mary (Jonas) Hill at Chicago.

H. T. D. Green - adopted by a Slosson, Winatchu Falls, Washington. Had:
1. Floyd Slosson - Winatchu Falls, Washington.
2. one or more others.

The forgoing records are but roughly sketched and not properly indexed or in the best form, but it is contemplated that another fuller and more complete one will follow later when all the data collected now and later will be complete.

Perhaps some of those interested would like to collaborate in compiling a complete book

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